Amendments to the Specification:

Kindly amend the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification as follows:

The present invention relates to the field of communications and more particularly to a system that allows users to select one or more portions of a speech file transcript and then provide only the selected portions to one or more entities in one or more electronic formats.

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 6 as follows:

Referring to FIG. 5, an exemplary embodiment of a method for processing speech files in accordance with the present invention is shown. In this embodiment, one or more speech file(s) are received, such as via a voicemail server discussed earlier herein, step 310. Automatic speech recognition is performed on such speech file(s), such [[a]] as via an automatic speech recognition component discussed earlier herein, step 320. The speech file(s) are indexed, such as shown in FIG. 3, step 330. A transcript of the indexed speech file(s) is provided to a user, such as shown in FIG. 4, step 340. The user's selection of one or more portion(s) of the speech file(s) transcript is received, such as also shown previously in FIG. 4, step 350. The selected portion(s) of speech file transcript is provided to one or more entities or parties specified by user, step 360, such as via selection delivery component, discussed earlier herein. In one embodiment, the entities or parties may simply be electronic mail addresses or user names specified by the user to which the selected portion or portions of the transcript will be provided [[to]]. The specified recipients of the transcript portion or portions may receive the portions in both a textual and an audible format. For example, the portion or portions selected may be provided as text within an electronic mail message with an attachment of an audio file which corresponds to the selected portion or portions.

Kindly amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 7 as follows:

In an exemplary embodiment, automatic speech recognition or simply, speech to text techniques are used to derive text from speech, i.e. to identify the letters or words spoken by a human subject in one or more speech files, such as voicemail messages. In the present invention, automatic speech recognition is used to analyze the speech signals contained in a speech file, such as a voicemail message to produce a textual transcript of the speech signals in the voicemail message. In an exemplary embodiment, such speech recognition techniques may use a combination of pattern recognition and sophisticated guessing based on some linguistic and contextual knowledge to transcribe the speech files. It is contemplated that other methodologies and techniques may be used so long as the speech is properly transcribed into a textual format to produce a workable transcript from which a user may select one or more portions ~~from~~ to send or forward on to one or more other parties or entities.